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SUBJECT: ELECTRIC POWER FAILURES LEAD TO RATIONING

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1. JULIO SAURI, ADMINISTRATOR OF THE DOMINICAN ELECTRIC CORPORATION (CDE), ANNOUNCED THAT A PLAN TO RATION ELECTRICITY HAS BEEN PUT INTO EFFECT. INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL, AND RESIDENTIAL SECTORS OF SANTO DOMINGO WILL HAVE "GUARANTEED" SERVICE FOR FIVE DAYS A WEEK, WITH THE OTHER TWO DAYS OF THE WEEK HAVING SCHEDULED INTERRUPTIONS. SOME AREAS OF THE CITY WILL HAVE ONLY PARTIAL SERVICE ON MONDAYS AND TUESDAYS, OTHERS ON WEDNESDAYS AND THURSDAYS, AND THE REST ON FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS.

2. ON THE TWO DAYS OF PLANNED BLACKOUTS, SERVICE WILL BE CUT OFF FOR TWO HOURS IN THE MORNING AND TWO HOURS IN THE AFTERNOON. VARIOUS SECTORS WILL BE TOLD EXACTLY WHAT HOURS THEY WILL BE WITHOUT SERVICE, EITHER FROM 7:00 A.M.-9:00 A.M. AND 1:00 PM-3:00 PM, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM AND 3:00 PM-5:00 PM, OR 11:00 AM-1:00 PM AND 5:00PM- 7:00 PM. SAURI ADDED THAT DURING THE HOURS OF GREATEST CONSUMPTION (FROM 7:00 PM ON) ELECTRICITY CUT-OFFS WILL START AGAIN IN THE SAME ORDER UP TO WHAT IS NECESSARY.

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3. SAURI CLAIMS THAT INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION WILL NOT BE HARMED

AS THESE REGULARLY SCHEDULED INTERRUPTIONS MAY BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT BY PRODUCERS. NEVERTHELESS, SOME LABOR UNIONS HAVE EXPRESSED FEARS THAT PRODUCTION WILL STILL BE CUT.

4. JOSE MIGUEL BONETTI, PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF INDUSTRIES OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, HAS STATED THAT INDUSTRIALISTS HAVE PROVISIONALLY ACCEPTED THE PLAN, BUT THEY WOULD PREFER THAT THE RATIONING BE ESTABLISHED BY LAW OR DECREE.

5. COMMENT: SIMILAR PLANS HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED BEFORE WITHOUT MUCH SUCCESS. WITH AN 85 MW DEFICIT IN THE COUNTRY'S ELECTRICAL SYSTEM DUE TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE LOSSES REPORTED REFTEL, THE EMBASSY EXPECTS CONTINUED ACCIDENTAL POWER FAILURES IN ADDITION TO THOSE PROGRAMED.
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